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WELFARE PROJECTS FOR DISABLED IN LAKSHADWEEP
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any basic survey has been conducted in Lakshadweep to identify orthopaedically handicapped, mentally challenged, visually challenged and the people with hearing impairment etc;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the projects/schemes being implemented in Lakshadweep for the welfare of disabled persons as visualized in Persons with Disabilities (PWD) Act, 1995;

(d) the number of rehabilitation centres to provide care and support to the disabled functioning in Lakshadweep at present; and

(a) the role of Rehabilitation Council of India in implementing the said Act and setting up of care and rehabilitation centres in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. According to the Census, 2001, there are 505 persons with locomotor disabilities, 216 persons with mental disability, 603 persons with visual disability and 147 persons with hearing impairment in Lakshadweep.

(c) to (e) The Rehabilitation Council of India does not have a role in setting up of care and rehabilitation centers. However, under the scheme of National Programme for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities, the Lakshadweep Administration has provided financial assistance to the Directorate of Medical and Health Services, Kavaratti for starting Day Care Centre.